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With its formal inception on 22 November 1980, FBIS Islamabad Unit filled a requirement for increased coverage of the Muslim world, particulary the "arc of crisis" area of the Middle East. To that end the unit has provided extensive, unique coverage with a modest operation that began with one American staffer and two FSN employees. Only one position, a third FSN slot, has been added to the Unit since its initial staffing. With its small staff and limited operational area, the unit provides coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week either through manned or remote operations.

Over the years, all Unit personnel have frequently volunteered extra working hours when required to meet ad hoc requests for special recordings, feeds, and/or the pouching of cassettes as needed by London, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Nicosia Bureaus. Despite the invaluable role played by the Unit staff, consumers are often unaware of their contribution since the Unit is not a highly visible link in the information chain.

All Unit's staff members deserve recognition for their consistent, dedicated efforts to feed timely, vital, live or recorded information to FBIS field bureaus for fast, accurate dissemination to U.S. Government consumers from an area of increasing geopolitical sensitivity. Their unremitting efforts have helped FBIS and the BBC Monitoring Service plug a hazardous reception gap between Amman and Bangkok through a period of exceptional political and military tension.

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